

Massage arm**Claims**

10 1. Massage arm (1), comprising a massage element (2), for a
massage unit that can be incorporated into a massage chair
or similar, where said massage arm (1) is hinged on at
least one shaft that can be moved by a drive in the
massage unit and is connected to the massage element (2)
15 by a ball-and-socket joint (3), where the ball-and-socket
joint (3) displays a ball head (9), located on the end
opposite the articulated connection (5) to the shaft,
which is mounted in a ball socket (10) located on the
massage element (2), and the ball head (9) displays an
extension (11) projecting beyond the ball socket (10) for
connection to the massage arm (1), and the massage element
20 (2) displays a supporting part (6) with massage bodies (7)
for acting on the human body located on one side of the
supporting part (6), characterized in
25 that the ball head (9) displays two opposite pins
(12), which engage opposite openings (13) in the ball
socket (9), the openings (13) are of elongated design
towards the edge of the ball socket (10) and closed at the
edge, such that the pivoting angle of the ball-and-socket
30 joint (3) in the plane formed by the two longitudinal axes
of the openings (13) is restricted to a predetermined
range, the ball socket (10) is provided with a U-shaped
groove (14) that is open towards the edge of the ball
socket (10) and into which the extension (11) can be
35 pivoted, and the supporting part (6) consists of two
halves, in the parting line area of each of which one half

of the ball socket (10) is integrally molded on the supporting part (6) in one piece on the side of the supporting part (6) opposite the massage bodies (7).

- 5 2. Massage arm according to Claim 1, characterized in that the supporting part halves and the ball socket halves are each designed as plastic parts, injection-molded in one piece.